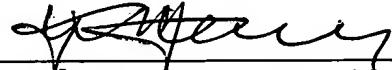


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The subject matter of allowable claim 9 has been incorporated into claim 1, thus placing claim 1 in condition for allowance. The subject matter of allowable claim 22 has been incorporated in claim 15, thus placing claim 15 in condition for allowance. Since claim 22 refers to subject matter recited in claim 21, this has also been added. All other claims depend on claims 1 and 15, thus being allowable therewith.

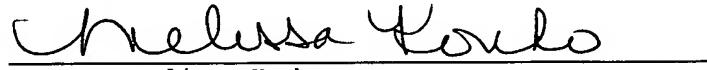
No issue remaining at bar, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 10-20 and 23-27 are respectfully solicited.

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